

Meeting Minutes
DEEP CREEK NON-URBAN STREET & DRAINAGE UNIT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 4, 2014 – Special Meeting
10:00 A.M. - Public Works Conference Room

Attendees: Daniel Collins, George Kearns, John Sheridan, and Kim Sullivan

Absent: John Smith (excused) and Ron Woods (excused)

County: Dan Quick, Venkat Vattikuti, and Sandy Wright

Guests: Sign-in sheet attached

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken. A quorum was present.

This special meeting was requested by Mr. Quick, the Public Works Director to discuss a speed limit change on Encarnacion St.

- Mr. Quick stated that the purpose of the meeting was to get a formal recommendation from the Committee to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 25mph on Encarnacion St. between Sandhill Blvd. and Seasons Dr. This change is being proposed in an attempt to eliminate the cut through traffic on Encarnacion Street. Discussion at previous meetings left the problem unaddressed; however Mr. Vattikuti the Transportation Engineer continued to research the traffic and is now recommending lowering the speed limit. A request was sent to the BCC for approval for this and other speed limit changes throughout the County. The BCC received complaints from MSBU Committee members that these changes are being presented to the BCC for approval without their knowledge. The BCC directed Public Works to place this on hold and contact the Committee members first. This meeting was called as a courtesy to discuss this change prior to submitting to the BCC and to ask for the Committee's approval. Mr. Vattikuti believes that this change will reduce the amount of cut through traffic because of the slower speed which can be enforced by CCSO. The residents on Encarnacion have been advised and are in agreement with the change. There was discussion at a previous meeting regarding changing the speed to 20mph to match the speed that is posted on the curve. Mr. Quick stated that the 20mph speed on the curve is an advisory sign and not a regular speed limit sign. The change to 25mph is within the County's allowable limits and in accordance with FDOT standards. Public Works must have BCC approval for this to become an adopted ordinance which will allow CCSO to enforce it. Residents wanting to lower speed limits should contact Mr. Vattikuti. He will research the nature of the road, the number of houses and problems then come back to the Committee with recommendations. Mr. Sheridan made a motion to accept the proposal to change from 30mph to 25mph on Encarnacion; motion was seconded by Mr. Collins and passed unanimously.
- Mr. Kearns stated that there is a similar situation existing on Nuremburg where people are using Rio de Janeiro and Rampart. Mr. Vattikuti stated that they have received this inquiry and it is currently being researched.
- Mr. Quick stated that the new sidewalks in Deep Creek were funded by the 2009 sales tax. All funds have been expended and projects are complete. There have been calls asking where and why the sidewalks were placed where they are. The School Board has input into these decisions. There have been responses from citizens requesting more sidewalks. Mr. Quick is directing them to approach the MSBU Advisory Committee. Mr. Kearns stated that the 1 cent sales tax selling point in 2001/2002 was a promise of sidewalks in Deep Creek and it didn't happen. Now everybody has a hand out wanting a portion of those funds. He stated that the amount of people in Deep Creek that are using the new sidewalks is phenomenal.

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- Mr. Kearns congratulated Mr. Quick and Mr. Vattikuti on their recent promotions and wished them well. Mr. Quick stated he would like to work with all the MSBU Committees to resolve problems or issues and would like to see open communication between them and his staff.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sandy Wright".

Sandy Wright
Public Works Department

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